

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 23, 2008

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-4802/ATT/2002-0457 for any additional fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.